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LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE

to be staged May 17, 18, 19

May 17, 18, and 19 mark the staging of a remarkable musical, Little Mary Sunshine.

The entire show is funny, thoroughly enjoyable, and guaranteed for a laugh a minute. At the end of a show, one is inclined to think, "My God, it had everything in it except the American flag and that was in the finale."

Little Mary Sunshine begins at an inn owned by Chief Brown Bear and situated in the Rocky Mountains. Chief Brown Bear's foster daughter, Mary Sunshine, is the proprietress of this inn, which is a favorite spot of the United States Forest Rangers.

Worries begin when Mary learns she will lose the inn if she fails to make her mortgage payment. As expected, Mary has a hero, Captain "Big Jim" Warrington.

To add a little spice to the story, a bevy of beauties arrives from back East and quickly pair off with the other Rangers.

A secondary plot develops when Nancy Twinkle, Mary's maid, falls in love with Corporal Billy Jester. Soon Mary and Nancy learn that the rangers are on a secret mission. Only Mary knows that the objective of the mission is the capture Yellow Feather, the law-breaking son of Chief Brown Bear.



Capt. Warrington (Chris Bullock) salutes Little Mary (Elaine Kent)

The plot thickens and more conflicts appear, but all ends happily, as also expected. The couples wed, the mortgage payment is absorbed, and even Yellow Feather reforms.

Mr. Fetterman Comments

Mr. Henry Fetterman, director of the production, commented on reasons for his selection of Little Mary Sunshine.

"Because its not contemporary, not relevant, and carries no message whatsoever."

The majority of people involved in the musical reacted unfavorably at first but after rehearsals began there was a great show of enthusiasm.

Through it differs from spectaculars like South Pacific and Oklahoma, this play had a good off-Broadway run.

Cast and crew are exhibiting such favorable progress and effort that this production is apparently quite enjoyable. Technical aspects and innovations such as the runway and the whole final severance are problems confronting Mr. Fetterman.

Director of Music

Mr. Richard Gwartz, director of music for Little Mary Sunshine, ranks the musical score as moderately difficult. However, to get the show properly "polished," it will require "a great deal of detailed re-

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Graduates Speak On "ACT ONE"

Graduation exercises each year are planned to include speeches from three Senior Class members.

At the beginning of March it was announced that any senior who wished to speak at graduation should write an essay. Each contestant wrote on the same topic and the faculty chose from among the entries.

Two of the speakers are chosen from among the top ten ranked students of the senior class; the other is chosen from the senior class at large.

This year's speakers are Linda Alle, Nancy Gusow, and Thomas Heggstad. Mrs. Woerner is in charge of graduation speakers. When asked about the theme she replied, "I'm very pleased with the commencement theme: 'Act One', which was selected by the speakers."

When asked about the content of the individual speeches she stated, "I would prefer to allow Linda, Nancy, and Tom to present their ideas themselves for the first time on the night of commencement. I know their presentations will be excellent."

Administrative Changes Made; CAPRIOTTI BECOMES PRINCIPAL

Four personnel changes will be made in the administration for the coming school year.

Mr. Glenn Sanner will serve as Substitute Superin-

tendant. Mr. Vincent J. Sauers will become Acting Assistant Superintendent. Mr. William C. Capriotti, Principal at Marple Newtown Junior High, will serve as Senior High Principal.

Replacing Mr. Capriotti as Acting Principal of the Junior High will be Mr. John D. Rhodes. He is currently Vice-Principal of the Junior High.

Boy of the Month- Don Pascucci
Girl of the Month- Sue Manoff
Student of the Month- Joan Deming
Merit Scholarship Winners -
Linda Alle
Tom Heggstad
Sue Manoff
Janet Morgan

THE TIGER'S



EYE

News Item: It has been proposed that matrons be posted in the lavatories. One wonders what effect this may have...

1: Hey matron, man, could you lay a match on me?

M: Huh, what?

1: I said, have ya got a match?

M: Oh! Sure, here!

2: Did she really give you one, man?"

1: Yeah, man. Uh oh! Here she comes. Dump the bowl, quick.

M: What are you boys doing?

1: Well-um-me and my friends here are-um-doing-um...

2: A chemistry experiment!

1: Right man, a chemistry experiment. We're testing uh...

2: ...the disastrous effects of smoke inhalation.

1: Oh yeah man. And all these guys are helping me.

2: Ok, ready guys? Now-inhale. Hold it in now-as long as you can. Now exhale. Any effects yet? Ok, let's try it again.

1: Say, man. Why is there a lady matron in the boy's bathroom?"

M: Matron? Boy's Bathroom? I thought this was the cafeteria! Goodness Gracious! Excuse me boys- carry on!

2: OK. Now your homework for tonight is...

Meanwhile, upstairs;

M: Aha. I caught you young whippersnappers in the act. Hand over those red-hot. Young man, empty your pockets. Aha! Just as I expected. Quay-foodes!

3: Oh no!! Man! Don't take away my quay-foodes! Anything but that! Here. Take this. It's my best pipe. Only don't take my 'foodes!

M: Hand them over.

3: Oh, Oh, please no!...Oh, well. Here they are.

M: Now young man, I do not expect to have to speak to you again. You know that snacking is wrong. All that food makes you tired or drowsy in class.

Later On...

M: Psssssst!

4: I wasn't doing anything! Honest! I was going to to use these rolling papers to make a cherry-chocolate incense stick! Really, man!

M: Forget about it. I have these fantastic red hots. I also have quay-foodes. For sale. Cheap.

4: Oh, wow, man! Say... you wouldn't happen to have some of "the evil feed," would you?...

Meanwhile, down the hall... Overheard in the other boys bathroom:

5: Wow! This is great! Pass that around here again, will ya?

6: Wait your turn.

7: This stuff does wonders!

M: Who made the salad?

6: Who the hell is he?

7: What do you call this stuff?

5: Yeah, where'd you get it?

6: Well, it's this new stuff, Bahama Blue.

7: Is it new?

6: Yeah, some guy added some chemicals to the regular stuff and BINGO!!!

M: Bingo? I love that game. Where do I sign up?

6: Would somebody get that guy outa here!

5: Just once more for me and I'll be okay.

6: If everybody's done I'll take the rest and leave now.

7: Wait! Where did you buy the stuff?

6: We got a free sample in the mail.

M: Is someone wearing a new aftershave lotion?

6: I'm gonna kick that jerk out myself!

7: I hope we get a free sample in the mail. This Bahama Blue Soap and Detergent is really fantastic. My hands have never been washed cleaner.

Student Runs For School Board

Dave Moldoff will be running for School Board in the Primary elections on May 16.

Dave is the first 18 year old to run for the position. Pursuing a political career, Dave feels that he wants to enter politics early to gain some experience in administrative activities.

"There are some serious problems in the school system, and I want to do something about them. I have definite ideas that can be administered. I can hear the problems directly from the students."

Dave also added that since he is in close contact with the school, he would be more beneficial to the Board than someone older.

"Along with improvements, we must make some changes." Dave hopes to introduce alternative programs of education, solve the overcrowding problem of the elementary schools, and inspire favorable attitudes among the students towards the school. con't on page 3

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At eleven-thirty, "J. C. and the Newtownes" will play. John Kolisch, a hypnotist, follows the Newtownes, and Patchwork and Jigsaw will do alternate playing duty until five.

A free coke and pretzel bar will be open all night.

LINE Defeated at Springfield Competition

Those of you readers who remember and look back with feelings of disgust to the three one-act plays performed last February, will be pleased to know that Line was defeated in play competition at Springfield (Montco) High School.

On April 28, twenty MN students transported themselves and their play to Montgomery County to enter their play in competition against plays from six other Eastern Pennsylvania schools.

All of the plays were obviously well-prepared and convincingly well performed. The cast and crew of Line put their very best into the competition.

The cast: Joe Mahr as Flemming, Steve Mosenson as Stephen, Linda Famiglio as Molly, John Alberici as Dolan, and Troy Orlando as Ar-

nall gave a performance which was their best ever.

Director John Ellis and his assistant Dian O'Neill were also very pleased with the performance. Aside from the technical shortcomings of the facilities available to Line, the coordination of acting and effects was superb.

Yet, Line did not win. Line received a Certificate of Recognition in Student Directed Plays from the local Thespian Troupe. Also, various derogatory remarks were hurled Line's way.

True Line does have significant social messages to which some of the audience reacted. It also has been called "lewd" and "filthy."

Since Line is never likely to be understood, it is a shame that few people were able to overlook the relatively insignificant displays and reach for the social enlightenment Line offered for all of us.

The play that did win in Line's category was a melodrama of the witch trials and subsequent burnings at Salem. Notwithstanding the indignity that Line's cast and crew endured, the competition did accomplish something: As a result of increased interest in Marple Newtown theatre, there probably will be visitors to MN on the weekend of Little Mary Sunshine.

Lorraine Venberg

Little Mary Sunshine (con't)

tion." It is his job as director of music to coordinate the vocalists and musicians of the ensemble.

"In my estimation, it is one of the better shows as far as vocal desirability is concerned," remarked Mr. Gwartz. Concerning the quality of the musical, he compared it to works of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Assistant Director

Jill Rosen, assistant director for the musical, stated that she enjoys the production and is quite happy about it.

When asked if she expected any trouble for this year's production she replied, "No, I really don't think so, though a minor catastrophe could come up but it should be a fine production." Little Mary Sunshine is a true form of entertainment and one that should not be missed. Jill also said that the whole thing has become a substantial learning experience for her and that it brought out the ham in all of the actors.

Orchestra Leader

Barry Pilkington, student director of the ensemble, is "very well qualified" and "orchestrally oriented" according to Mr. Gwartz. In preparation for such an undertaking, Barry has received lessons in di-

recting which have been quite beneficial.

Stage Manager

Tom Heggstad, assistant to the director, is also the stage manager.

Tom anticipates no serious troubles with this production. The show pleases him, and he foresees a good, successful performance. He also mentioned that, as always, it is a pleasure to work with Mr. Fetterman.

Little Mary Sunshine is of a style other than usual high school musicals. The cast is smaller than the cast of hundreds type, and it is rather unknown even though it was written only about ten years ago.

"Some people may think it hokey," muses Tom, "but it's a satire and just a lot of fun. It's a real different experience." The play produces a unique kind of release and is thoroughly enjoyable for all.

Student Choreographer

Marta Kauffman is the choreographer for Little Mary Sunshine. In past musicals, Mrs. Fetterman has been the choreographer. Marta has had past experience with dancing and says that the biggest problem is getting the dancers to move more freely. The dancers have been working hard and she hopes the play will be a success.

MN BAND TAKES FIRST AT WINCHESTER

The MN band has been really busy lately with all their activities.

On Friday, April 27, a concert in the park took place in the senior High gym. Plenty of games, prizes, and food kept the crowd in the best of spirits. Entertainment was provided by the band, majorettes, and colorguard.

An auction was the highlight of the evening. Merchants from area businesses donated merchandise to be auctioned. Everything, from an S&W Green Stamp sign to a cake was sold.

Prizes were also awarded to the best dressed couple, oldest person, youngest grandmother, person with the most children, and person who travelled the longest distance to the concert.

Another highlight was the raffling of three puppies. The entire evening seemed to be a success.

At 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 5, the band was waiting in the courtyard of the Senior High to be transported to the Winchester Apple Blossom parade in Virginia.

The trip proved to be a successful one, as the fabulous MN Band placed first out of 76 competing bands. Reading placed second, Penn Highland third, and Cherry Hill East fourth. Marple Newtown placed second in bandfront competition.

The band received roaring applause before the judging area. The band hopes that they'll have the same kind of success in upcoming Virginia Beach activities this summer.

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Does Girls' Softball LACK SPIRIT?

It is often said that good players alone do not make a good team, and this year's girls' softball team seems to prove it.

Somewhat, that "spark" that makes a winning team is missing. All the right players are there: a couple of 4-year veterans, some really skilled all-around players, and a few talented freshmen. But where's the team?

The coaching staff is the same, competent one that led previous teams to consecutive championships. Still, something just does not click this year. What they have are ten individually great players; what they need is one precision team, working together as a unit. That's the way a

team sport must be played. Individualists should concentrate on swimming or tennis: there is no room on a team for nonconformity. Distinctiveness, yes—but not nonconformity. Each player must make his own contribution to the team, but that contribution must be towards a complete, unifying goal. It cannot be for personal honor. What is needed is a spirit, a feeling of comradeship, a common goal of excellence.

Perhaps the problem lies elsewhere. One fact stands clear, though: this year's softball team is potentially the best in many seasons. It remains only for its members to realize this fact and finally make themselves into a team.

Chris Elfring

Bradford Takes Fifth; Strikes Out Ten

Two 2-run rallies in the fifth and sixth innings propelled the MN Tigers to a victory over the Upper Darby Royals by the score of 4-3.

Marple fell behind early in the game when Upper Darby loaded the bases and later scored three runs.

Ken Bradford, pitcher for the Tigers, again became stronger as the game progressed, giving up only one earned run, allowing only two hits, and striking out 10. Bradford thus notched his fifth win in five starts.

Marple Newtown's hitting attack erupted in the fifth inning for two runs. Joseph Basile smacked a two-bagger which just missed clearing the fence. Mitch Goldenberg grounded to short but was safe on an error. Ken

Bradford popped out, but as the Upper Darby catcher tried to double up Basile, he threw the ball into center field allowing both Basile and Goldenberg to score.

In the sixth inning, Dave Zimmerman doubled down the left field line. One out later, Bob Prestileo doubled to center field, driving in Zimmerman. Joe Basile, now respected for his power hitting, was intentionally walked, bringing Mitch Goldenberg to the plate, who promptly delivered a single to left field, driving in the winning run.

This victory gave the Tigers a 6-1 record at the halfway point of the season, assuring them of at least a first place tie in the Central League.

S. Farber

Lacrosse Victories Follow Slow Start

The Girls' Lacrosse Team began their season with a slow start but returned to victory.

The season commenced with an away game April 6 at Haverford. Haverford's strong offense forced MN to lose a hard game. The next two games were against Radnor and Conestoga and once again, MN faced defeat.

On April 19, MN travelled to Lansdowne Aldan to get revenge—revenge for what happened last year at the game between the two teams. Last year, L.A. won a close game by 1 point.

This year, the Tigers succeeded and won a tension packed game by 7-6. High Varsity scorers for MN were Jayne Fortesque and Ann Higgins.

An added highlight was the JV's first lacrosse victory in the history of the team.

Girls' Track Expects Strong Season

Contrary to rumors, the girls' track squad will not be running topless.

However, they seem to put on a good show as they practice and compete in the high jump, long jump, relays, sprints, runs, and softball throw.

"This year our team is much stronger and much faster than any team before. Add these two factors to our fantastic spirit and we will definitely beat our competition," said Miss Smith, coach of the girls' track club.

Terry Welk, Mary Abrams, Mary Carol, and Donna Pierce challenged this statement on May 5, as they placed fourth in a girl's 440 relay at Conestoga. Their competition included Great Valley (who placed first), Conestoga-second, Haverford-third, and Lower Merion, who came in last. This was supposed to be a boy's meet, but Conestoga invited some surrounding schools to compete in one girl's 440 relay.

Broomall Teams Sweep Street Hockey Tourney

On the weekend of April 28th the first annual Federation Street Hockey Tournament was held at Oaks Elementary School, just outside of Norristown.

Eight different teams from various locations; two of them from right here at MN, competed for the 1st place trophy. After two bruising quarter and semi-final playoff games apiece, both local teams were the last remaining survivors.

The Broomall Rockets (Bob Burns, Neil Kovnat, Robert Stanton...) reached the finals with a potent offense and steady goaltending from Jan Dalina, while the Broomall Bombers (Buzzy and Jesse Wienkowski, Jim Lazzoratti, Dave Zimmerman...) relied on defense backed up by a standout job in nets by Art Miller.

The final championship game went down to the final buzzer with the Bombers edging the Rockets 3-2, thus winning the first Federation Trophy Cup ever. Goal scorers were Kovnat and Steve Winter for the Rockets, and Zimmerman, Lazzoratti, and Mike McGlowne for the Bombers.

The mere fact that both finalists were from this area goes to prove one thing: The best hockey available is right here, in Marple Newtown.

S. Winter

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